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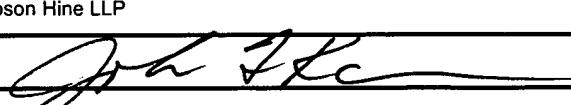
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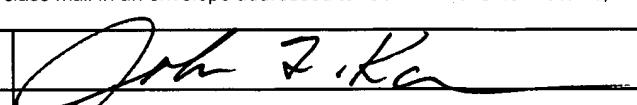
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The present submission is filed in response to the Office action mailed June 27, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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